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Box Response

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 1999. in the above-captioned application. A petition for a three month extension of time, from July 28, 1999 to and including October 28, 1999, is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks: that follow.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please enter into the specification, before the claims, the following:

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